

## II. PREREQUISITES FOR EMT-BASIC AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAMS, CRIMINAL HISTORY AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (REFER THE STUDENTS TO THE STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGE)

- A. Read aloud each section of the state prerequisites for EMT-Basic and EMS First Responder programs, criminal history and standards of conduct stopping between each item to explain the statement and asking if there are any questions about its meaning. **(This information is provided by the Office per 12VAC5-31-910 through 12VAC5-31-940 and 12 VAC 5-31-1450 of state EMS regulations.)**
- B. Read aloud each section of any additional local or regional prerequisites that are in addition to those described in part II A. **(Provide this information in the Student Information Package)**
- C. Explain any medical requirement (vaccinations, etc.) for entry into the program or for class completion. A copy of these requirements and other pertinent information should be included in the Student Information Package. **(Note: The physician course director may want to cover these.)**

Information should include:

- 1. The specific requirements.
  - 2. Where to go and who to see about satisfying these requirements.
  - 3. When evidence of satisfying the requirements must be produced for the Course Coordinator.
- D. When this section is completed, read aloud the statement on the agreement page of the Student Information Package and have each student sign appropriately. (Provide each student two copies of the **Prerequisites for EMT-Basic and EMS First Responder Programs, Criminal History And Standards Of Conduct** so they can sign and return one copy to you and keep one copy.)

## **VIRGINIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PREREQUISITES FOR EMT-BASIC AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAMS, CRIMINAL HISTORY AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

To be eligible to attend an EMS First Responder, EMS First Responder Bridge, or Emergency Medical Technician Course in Virginia, you must:

- A. Be proficient in reading, writing and speaking the English language in order to clearly communicate with a patient, family or bystander to determine a chief complaint, nature of illness, mechanism of injury or to assess signs and symptoms.
- B. Be a minimum of 16 years of age at the beginning date of this certification program. If less than 18 years of age, you must provide the course coordinator with a completed parental permission form with the signature of a parent or guardian verifying approval for enrollment in the course. If you are less than 18 years of age and are affiliated with an EMS or other public safety agency you should also provide the Course Coordinator with documentation from an Officer of the agency stating that you will be covered by agency insurance while attending the course. **(Students less than 18 years of age must obtain a Student Permission Form from the course coordinator at the end of this class and return it by the third class session.)**
- C. Have no physical or mental impairment that would render him unable to perform all practical skills required for that level of certification including the ability to function and communicate independently and perform appropriate patient care, physical assessments and treatments without the need for an assistant.
- D. Hold current certification in an approved course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the beginning date of the certification program. This certification must also be current at the time of state testing...
- E. Not have been convicted or found guilty of any crime, offense or regulatory violation, or participated in any other prohibited conduct identified in state EMS regulations as follows:
  - 1. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving sexual misconduct where the lack of affirmative consent by the victim is an element of the crime, such as forcible rape.
  - 2. Have never been convicted of a felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of children, the elderly or the infirm, such as sexual misconduct with a child, making or distributing child pornography or using a child in a sexual display, incest involving a child, assault on an elderly or infirm person.

3. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime (including abuse, neglect, theft from, or financial exploitation) of a person entrusted to his care or protection in which the victim is a patient or is a resident of a health care facility.
  4. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs except that the person is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional crimes of this type have been committed during that time.
  5. Have never been convicted or found guilty of any other act that is a felony except that the felon is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional felonies have been committed during that time.
  6. Are not currently under any disciplinary or enforcement action from another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body. Personnel subject to these disciplinary or enforcement actions may be eligible for certification provided there have been no further disciplinary or enforcement actions for five years prior to application for certification in Virginia.
  7. Have never been subject to a permanent revocation of license or certification by another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body.
- F. All references to criminal acts or convictions under this section refer to substantially similar laws or regulations of any other state or the United States. Convictions include prior adult convictions, juvenile convictions and adjudications of delinquency based on an offense that would have been, at the time of conviction, a felony conviction if committed by an adult within or outside Virginia.
- G. If you are bridging to the EMT-Basic certification level you must hold current Virginia certification at the EMS First Responder level.
- H. Be clean and neat in appearance.
- I. May not be under the influence of any drugs or intoxicating substances that impairs your ability to provide patient care or operate a motor vehicle while in class or clinicals, while on duty or when responding or assisting in the care of a patient.